

responsibility of examining, supervising, and regulating the financial safety and soundness and capital adequacy of the Enterprises under the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992, 12 U.S.C. 4501 *et seq.*, relies on the ability of its employees to gather full and complete information in order to carry out its statutory responsibilities. The use of employees to give opinion testimony would hamper OFHEO's ability to carry out its statutory responsibilities and would cause a serious administrative burden on OFHEO's staff.

**§ 1710.36 Manner in which testimony is given.**

(a) Authorized testimony of employees ordinarily will be made available only through depositions or written interrogatories.

(b) Where, in response to a request, the Director determines that circumstances warrant authorizing testimony by an employee, the requesting party shall cause a subpoena to be served on the employee in accordance with applicable Federal or State rules of procedure, with a copy of the subpoena sent by registered or certified mail to the General Counsel.

(c) Normally, authorized depositions will be taken at OFHEO's office, at a time arranged with the employee that is reasonably fixed to avoid substantial interference with the performance of the employee's duties.

(d) Upon completion of the deposition of an employee, a copy of the transcript of the testimony shall be furnished, at the expense of the party requesting the deposition, to the General Counsel for OFHEO's files.

**§ 1710.37 Manner in which documents will be produced.**

(a) An employee's authorization to produce official documents is limited to the authority granted that employee by the Director.

(b) Certified or authenticated copies of official OFHEO documents authorized by the Director to be released under this subpart will be provided upon request.

**§ 1710.38 Fees.**

Unless waived or reduced, the following fees shall be charged for documents produced by OFHEO in connection with requests subject to this subpart:

(a) *Searches for documents.* OFHEO will charge at the salary rates(s), *i.e.*, basic pay plus 16 percent, of the employee(s) making the search. Charges for search time will be billed by 15 minute segments.

(b) *Copying of documents.* The standard copying charge for documents in paper copy is \$.15 per page. When responsive information is provided in a format other than paper copy, such as in the form of computer tapes and disks, OFHEO will assess the direct costs of the tape, disk, or whatever medium is used to produce the information, as well as any related reproduction costs. Normally, only one copy will be provided. Additional copies will be provided only upon a showing of demonstrated need.

(c) *Certification or authentication of documents.* OFHEO will charge \$3.00 for each certification or authentication of documents.

(d) *Computer searches.* Services of personnel in the nature of a computer search shall be charged at rates prescribed in paragraph (a) of this section. A charge shall be made for the computer time involved, based upon the prevailing level of costs to OFHEO and upon the particular types of computer and associated equipment and the amount of time that such equipment is utilized. A charge shall also be made for any substantial amount of special supplies or documents used to contain, present, or make available the output of computers, based upon prevailing levels of costs to OFHEO and upon the type and amount of such supplies or documents that are used.

(e) *Other costs.* When other services and documents not specifically identified in this section are requested and provided, their actual cost to OFHEO shall be charged.

(f) *Payments of fees.* A bill will be forwarded to the requesting party upon completion of the production. Payment shall be made by check or money order payable to the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight.